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SUBJ: CORDIALITY OF GOZ RECEPTION OF NWC GROUP

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1. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ACCOUNT FOR UNUSUALLY WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION GOZ ACCORDED NWC GROUP VISIT, PARTICULARLY AFTER INDICATIONS SHORTLY BEFORE GROUP'S ARRIVAL THAT GOZ WOULD FORCE DROPPING OF LUBUMBASHI SEGMENT. OBVIOUSLY MOBUTU SUDDENLY GOT INTO ACT. WHETHER FONMIN BULA PROMPTED THIS FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE OF APRIL 28 WE DO NOT KNOW. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT MOBUTU DECIDED TO CONVEY HIS GOODWILL TO USG. QUESTION IS WHY?

2. TWO LINES OF SPECULATION SUGGEST THEMSELVES. 1) HAVING RECEIVED REPORT OF INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR MBEKA'S ATTENDANCE FOR PRIVATE LUNCH HOSTED BY UNDER SECRETARY INGERSOLL, MOBUTU MAY HAVE INTERPRETED THIS AS SIGNAL THAT USG WILLING TO FORGIVE (OR FORGET) HIS PUBLIC ATTACK ON NATHANIEL DAVIS APPOINTMENT LAST JANUARY. 2) KNOWING THAT ROCKWELL REPORT DUE SOON, MOBUTU MAY HAVE WISHED TO PREPARE SUITABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. OF COURSE, MORE THAN ONE OF THESE FACTORS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OTHERS. NEWLING

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